

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph [0038] (as published) with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] The present invention ~~achieves accurate~~ achieves accurate laser power control for  
5 high-speed optical disc recording during APC mode by generating a series of fixed-duty  
laser pulses. Because the widths of the fixed-duty laser pulses do not vary significantly  
from the width of laser pulses generated during actual recording modes, the present  
invention produces no unwanted abnormalities on the optical disc. Thus, the present  
invention is suitable for high-speed, high-density recordings with narrow track pitch  
10 where cross-erase or cross-write easily occur when the recording pulse width is too large.  
The fixed-duty nature of the present invention laser pulses permits accurate determination  
of the averaged optical laser output power, which in turn, allows accurate laser power  
control.